

7. (Once Amended) The electrical connector of claim 18 wherein said passages are at least in part defined by outside walls of the elongated body portion, the walls being of generally uniform thickness throughout.

8. (Once Amended) The electrical connector of claim 18 wherein said connector is a combination connector with said elongated body portion including a data section of the connector and at least one of said end portions including a power section of the connector.

12. (Once Amended) The electrical connector housing of claim 10, wherein the housing includes enlarged end portions at opposite ends of said elongated body portion, the body portion having a predetermined width, and each said end portion having a predetermined width which is greater than the width of the body portion, said width of said elongated body portion and said width of each said end portion being defined by a dimension which is transverse to said terminal-receiving passages.

14. (Once Amended) The electrical connector housing of claim 13, wherein the molded plastic housing includes enlarged end portions at opposite ends of said elongated body portion, the body portion having a predetermined width, and each said end portion having a predetermined width which is greater than the width of the body portion, said width of said elongated body portion and said width of each said end portion being defined by a dimension which is transverse to said terminal-receiving passages.

Please add new claims 18-20 as follows:

18. (Newly Added) An electrical connector, comprising:
a molded plastic housing having an elongated body portion longitudinally extending between opposite end portions, a plurality of terminal-receiving passages extending transversely through the elongated body portion, the elongated body portion having a predetermined width, and each said end portion having a predetermined width which is greater than the width of the body portion, said width

of said elongated body portion and said width of each said end portion being defined by a dimension which is transverse to said terminal-receiving passages; and

a plurality of conductive terminals mounted in said terminal-receiving passages.

19. (Newly Added) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1, wherein said plurality of terminal-receiving passages extend through said elongated body portion from said mating face to said terminating face.

20. (Newly Added) An electrical connector housing as defined in claim 10, wherein said plurality of terminal-receiving passages extend through said elongated body portion from said mating face to said terminating face.

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States patent No. 6,217,347 ("Schell"). By the present amendment, claims 7 and 8 have been amended, claims 6 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 18-20 are newly added. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5, 7-16 and 18-20 are currently pending.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Schell. "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegall Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of Calif.*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Because Schell does not recite each and every element set forth in amended claims 1-5 and 7-16, Schell cannot anticipate the electrical connector recited in claims 1-5 and 7-16 of the present application.

Independent claim 1 specifies "said wall means being of generally uniform thickness between the faces along the length of said elongated body portion" and independent claim 10 specifies "said walls are of generally uniform thickness between the front mating face and the rear terminating face along the lengths thereof."